

The Salt Lake Tribune

TV Today, Local News
Page B-12 Features

Friday, November 27, 1970

Section B Page One



Local railroad buffs lay rail in front of No. 816 locomotive as moving procedure begins Thursday

at Utah State Fairgrounds. Tourist runs are scheduled between Bridal Veil Falls and Heber City.

Old Locomotive Chuffs Out to New Adventure

Thursday was a holiday for most persons, but moving day for members of the Promontory Chapter, National Historical Railway Society, Salt Lake City.

That's when the chore of preparing No. 816 — a locomotive on display at the Utah State Fairgrounds since 1951 — for moving was launched.

The engine is scheduled to come out of retirement in the near future, to provide transportation for tourists on a daily run in Provo Canyon between Bridal Veil Falls and Heber City.

To move the engine, railroad buffs utilized an ingenious method.

Sections of rail were laid from the fairgrounds to the Saltair and Garfield tracks. The volunteers placed 30 foot sections of rail in front of the engine, moved it forward by compressed air, then took the rear section of rail around to the front in sequence to move No. 816 about 400 yards.

The move was completed in about four hours, with the long trip to Provo Canyon scheduled to start Monday.

The Salt Lake Tribune

TV Today, Local News
Page B-12 Features

Friday, November 27, 1970

Section B

Page One



Local railroad buffs lay rail in front of No. 816 locomotive as moving procedure begins Thursday at Utah State Fairgrounds. Tourist runs are scheduled between Bridal Veil Falls and Heber City.

Old Locomotive Chuffs Out to New Adventure

Thursday was a holiday for most persons, but moving day for members of the Promontory Chapter, National Historical Railway Society, Salt Lake City.

That's when the chore of preparing No. 816 — a locomotive on display at the Utah State Fairgrounds since 1951 — for moving was launched.

The engine is scheduled to come out of retirement in the near future, to provide transportation for tourists on a daily run in Provo Canyon between Bridal Veil Falls and Heber City.

To move the engine, railroad buffs utilized an ingenious method.

Sections of rail were laid from the fairgrounds to the Saltair and Garfield tracks. The volunteers placed 30 foot sections of rail in front of the engine, moved it forward by compressed air, then took the rear section of rail around to the front in sequence to move No. 816 about 400 yards.

The move was completed in about four hours, with the long trip to Provo Canyon scheduled to start Monday.

November 27, 1970

Mr. Lowe Ashton
87 N. 3rd East
Heber City, Utah

Dear Lowe:

Here are the traffic counts you asked about in your recent letter. I contacted D. J. Cline, South Dakota Travel Director, and she responded with the following data for Hill City and Keystone:

Hill City

Average daily count: 2,873 X 30=86,190 average monthly count

Keystone

Average daily count: 4,745 X 30=142,350 average monthly count

Total Hill City and Keystone monthly count: 228,540

Heber City

U.S. 40 northbound to junction north of town, thence westbound on U.S. 189 toward Provo, average daily count: 3,280

U.S. 40 northbound through Heber City, average daily count: 6,000

U.S. 40 southeastbound through Heber City, average daily count: 3,000

Total Heber City average daily traffic count: 12,880

Total Heber City average monthly count: 386,400

The above figures were computed for the months of June, July, August and September. Please let me know if you have any questions and if I can be of any further assistance. By the way, it was real exciting to watch the guys move the old No. 618 from the Fair Grounds to the Salt Lake Garfield line yesterday. I guess you've already noticed the press coverage on the event.

Sincerely,


Leo Jorgensen, Director

STATE OF UTAH

Calvin L. Rampton, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Division of Travel Development

Leo Jorgensen, Director
Council Hall

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Telephone: (801) 328-5681

every night. . . just to say "good night."

129th New Brunswick Home News
NOV.

Old 618 Is Going Back Into Service Again—the Hard Way

1970 [New Brunswick, New Jersey]

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—An old relic of a railroad engine is inching its way back into service.

The engine—old No. 618—has been on display for the past 19 years at the Utah State Fairgrounds. But it's being moved to Provo Canyon, where it soon will start a short run between Bridal Veil Falls and Heber City.

The engine moved about 400 yards Thursday, the hard way.

Members of the Promontory Chapter, National Historical Railway Society, Salt Lake City, laid down a 30-foot section of track in front of the locomotive, pushed it forward by compressed air, then repeated the sequence until the engine reached a regular set of tracks near the fairgrounds.

SALT LAKE CITY	
11-21-70	
618	
on	
the	
move	